

KH/RP/TM/AcceleratedReader

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Accelerated Reader Programme – Year 7 & 8

Barr Beacon School
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We are pleased to share information about our Accelerated Reader (AR) programme, which is designed to help pupils develop strong reading skills, build confidence, and foster a love of reading.

What is Accelerated Reader?

Accelerated Reader is a reading programme that allows pupils to select books at their own reading level and read at a pace that suits them. Once a book is finished, pupils complete a short online quiz to check their understanding. This helps teachers monitor progress, identify areas for support, and celebrate achievements.

Reading at Home

To make the most of Accelerated Reader, pupils should:

- Read at home for 20 minutes every day as this will enable pupils to complete books and be ready to take quizzes.
- Quiz regularly after completing a book to track comprehension and progress.
- Pupils will be asked to read for at least 20 minutes over the week and take part in quizzing as part of their English homework on Class Charts.

Choosing Books

Pupils are given a personalised reading range based on their reading ability. They are encouraged to select books from this range that appeal to their interests. This ensures reading is both challenging and enjoyable. Pupils are able to do this during their Accelerated Reader lessons in the iCentre.

Using Accelerated Reader at home

Pupils can view the full list of Accelerated Reader books and their quiz links on SharePoint, which they can also access from home. This allows them to choose books independently while ensuring they are reading at an appropriate level.

Celebrating Success

We love to celebrate pupils' achievements! Pupils who reach milestones such as 250,000, 500,000, and 1,000,000 words read are recognised in school. Those who achieve 1,000,000 words are invited to our special "Millionaires' Club Breakfast" each term as a reward for their dedication.

Challenging Reading List (Ages 9–13)

Here are some books suitable for pupils to challenge themselves and improve their reading skills:

Book Title	Author	Suitable Age
<i>Holes</i>	Louis Sachar	9–13
<i>Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief</i>	Rick Riordan	9–13
<i>Wonder</i>	R.J. Palacio	9–13
<i>Skellig</i>	David Almond	9–12
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman	10–13
<i>Eragon</i>	Christopher Paolini	11–13
<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i>	Brian Selznick	9–12

We hope you will support your child by encouraging daily reading and discussing the books they choose. Together, we can help pupils develop the skills and confidence to become lifelong readers.

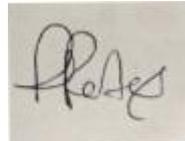
If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader or your child's reading progress, please contact us via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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